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B'nai B'rith International

# RAOUL WALLENBERG

ראול ולנברג

'Whoever saves a single soul, it is as if he saved the whole world.' (Talmud)



Raoul Wallenberg Unit



**Raoul Wallenberg ~ A Hero of our Time**

4 August 1912 -

An initiative of Raoul Wallenberg Unit of B'nai B'rith,  
Melbourne, Australia, established 1985

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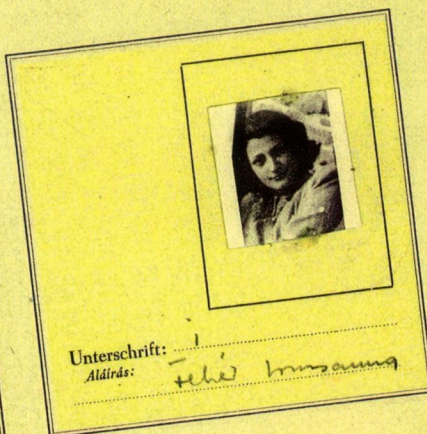
- Born in Sweden in 1912
- 1931: studied Architecture at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, where he learned to speak English, German and French.
- 1935: received a Bachelor of Science degree.
- Worked in Cape Town, South Africa, for a Swedish construction materials company.
- 1935/36: employed by Holland Bank, Haifa, Israel.
- 1936: returned to Sweden to work for an export-import company trading between Stockholm and central Europe, owned by a Hungarian Jew, Kalman Lauer.
- 1941 on he travelled regularly as a trusted representative to Budapest, Hungary; within a year, he was a joint owner and International Director of the company.
- 9 July 1944: Wallenberg travelled to Budapest as the First Secretary to the Swedish legation in Budapest. A Christian diplomat, in a six-month period, he saved 100,000 Jewish lives from the Nazis. He issued 'special' Swedish protective passports (German: Schutzpass), established protective housing, soup kitchens, hospitals, orphanages and schools. He rescued Jews from sealed deportation trains and, ultimately, in one night, saved 70,000 Jews by having Eichmann's final orders to bomb a Jewish ghetto, countermanded.
- Arrested in January 1945 by Russian troops, his whereabouts have remained a mystery.
- 1981: named an Honorary Citizen of the USA.
- 1985: named First Honorary Citizen by Canada.
- 1986: named First Honorary Citizen by Israel.
- Five stamps have been issued in honour of Raoul Wallenberg: Israel was the first (1983), followed by Sweden (1987), Argentina (1996), the United States (1997), and Uruguay (2000).



# SCHUTZ-PASS

Nr. 53/18.

Name: Susanne Feher  
 Ort: Budapest  
 Geburtsdatum: 30. April 1924.  
 Geburtsort: Budapest.  
 Körpergröße: 165 cm.  
 Haarfarbe: braun Augenfarbe: schwarz  
 Hautfarbe: Schwedin



Unterschrift: [Signature]  
 Abdruck: [Signature]

## SCHWEDEN SVÉDORSZÁG

Die Kgl. Schwedische Gesandtschaft in  
 Budapest bestätigt, dass der Obengenannte  
 im Rahmen der — von dem Kgl. Schwe-  
 dischen Ausenministerium autorisierten —  
 Repatriierung nach Schweden reisen wird.  
 Der Betreffende ist auch in einen Kolle-  
 tivpass eingetragen.  
Bis Abreise steht der Obengenannte und  
seine Wohnung unter dem Schutz der Kgl.  
Schwedischen Gesandtschaft in Budapest.  
 Gültigkeit: erlischt 14 Tage nach Einreise  
 nach Schweden.

A budapesti Svéd Kir. Követség iga-  
 zolja, hogy fentnevezett — a Svéd Kir. Kül-  
 ügyminisztérium által jóváhagyott — repa-  
 triálás keretében Svédországba utazik.  
 Nevezett a kollektiv útleveiben is sze-  
 repel.

Elutazásáig fentnevezett és lakása a buda-  
pesti Svéd Kir. Követség oltalma alatt áll.

Érvényét veszti a Svédországba való megérke-  
 zéstől számított tizennegyedik napon.

Reiseberechtigung nur gemeinsam mit dem Kollektivpass. Einreisevisum wird nur in dem Kollektivpass eingetragen.

Budapest, den 31. August 1944

KÖNIGLICH SCHWEDISCHE GESANDTSCHAFT  
 SVÉD KIRÁLYI KÖVETSÉG

[Signature]  
 Kgl. Schwedischer Gesandte.

# SCHUTZ-PASS

Issued by Raoul Wallenberg during 1944-45 to Jews in Budapest, Hungary, a Schutz-Pass was a document which supposedly placed the recipient under the protection of neutral Sweden. During the final months of the Second World War, more than 30,000 such Swedish diplomatic papers were issued to Hungarian Jews preventing their deportation and murder by German Nazis and the Hungarian fascist Arrow Cross, who believed the Schutz-Pass to be genuine.

This Schutz-Pass was received by the late Susan Reichman (née Feher) in Budapest in 1944; later, she became a member of Raoul Wallenberg Unit of B'nai B'rith, Melbourne. It has been reproduced here with the kind permission of her family.

**Stamp sheet images:** Left: Raoul Wallenberg, 24 years old/©AAP. Right: Monument, Raoul Wallenberg Garden, Kew, Victoria. Artist: Karl Duldig. Photo/© 2010 The Duldig Studio. Stamp sheet tab images, left to right, top to bottom: 1 and 2) As a baby with his mother, Maj Wising Wallenberg/courtesy Wallenberg family albums; 3 and 4) Aged three with his grandfather, Gustav Wallenberg/ courtesy Wallenberg family albums; 5 and 6) As a twelve-year-old schoolboy/courtesy Wallenberg family albums; 7 and 8) Bike riding/courtesy Wallenberg family albums; 9 and 10) Member of the Swedish Army Reserve in 1943/© AAP.

**Envelope image:** Schutz-Pass image/courtesy family of Susan Reichman.